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*Betsy J. Houchen*

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## CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EILEEN M. SARNECKI AND OHIO BOARD OF NURSING

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between EILEEN M. SARNECKI and the OHIO BOARD OF NURSING (hereinafter "the BOARD"), the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4723 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), and all Rules promulgated thereunder.

MS. SARNECKI voluntarily enters into this CONSENT AGREEMENT being fully informed of her rights under Chapter 119 ORC, including the right to representation by counsel and the right to a formal adjudicative hearing on the issues considered herein.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

1. Currently, MS. SARNECKI is licensed to practice nursing as a registered nurse, (license #R.N. 151643), in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the provisions of Chapter 4723, ORC and all rules promulgated thereunder.
2. MS. SARNECKI had a current, valid license to practice nursing as a registered nurse from August 31, 1989 through August 31, 1991. MS. SARNECKI's license to practice nursing as a registered nurse expired on August 31, 1991. Subsequently, on or about April 22, 1993, MS. SARNECKI renewed her license to practice nursing as a registered nurse. Therefore, MS. SARNECKI did not hold a current, valid license to practice nursing as a registered nurse from September 1, 1991 through April 21, 1993.

MS. SARNECKI knowingly and voluntarily admits that she failed to renew her license to practice nursing as a registered nurse on or before August 31, 1991 for the renewal period beginning September 1, 1991.

MS. SARNECKI knowingly and voluntarily admits that she practiced nursing as a registered nurse in Ohio from September 1, 1991 through April 21, 1993 without holding a current, valid license to practice nursing as a registered nurse issued by the BOARD.

3. **MS. SARNECKI** had a current, valid license to practice nursing as a registered nurse from April 22, 1993 through August 31, 1993. **MS. SARNECKI's** license to practice nursing as a registered nurse expired August 31, 1993. Subsequently, on or about May 2, 1994, **MS. SARNECKI** renewed her license to practice nursing as a registered nurse. Therefore, **MS. SARNECKI** did not hold a current valid license to practice nursing as a registered nurse from September 1, 1993 through May 1, 1994.

**MS. SARNECKI** knowingly and voluntarily admits that she failed to renew her license to practice nursing as a registered nurse on or before August 31, 1993 for the renewal period beginning September 1, 1993.

**MS. SARNECKI** knowingly and voluntarily admits that she practiced nursing as a registered nurse in Ohio from September 1, 1993 through May 1, 1994 without holding a current, valid license to practice nursing as a registered nurse issued by the BOARD.

4. **MS. SARNECKI** had a current, valid license to practice nursing as a registered nurse from May 2, 1994 through August 31, 1995. **MS. SARNECKI's** license to practice nursing as a registered nurse expired on August 31, 1995. Subsequently, on or about August 22, 1996, **MS. SARNECKI** renewed her license to practice nursing as a registered nurse. Therefore, **MS. SARNECKI** did not hold a current, valid license to practice nursing as a registered nurse from September 1, 1995 through August 21, 1996.

**MS. SARNECKI** knowingly and voluntarily admits that she failed to renew her license to practice nursing as a registered nurse on or before August 31, 1995 for the renewal period beginning September 1, 1995.

**MS. SARNECKI** knowingly and voluntarily admits that she practiced nursing as a registered nurse in Ohio from September 1, 1995 through August 22, 1996 without holding a current, valid license to practice nursing as a registered nurse issued by the BOARD.

5. **MS. SARNECKI** knowingly and voluntarily admits that she completed the nurse-midwifery program at Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing on May 17, 1991.

**MS. SARNECKI** sat for the National Certification Examination and was issued certificate #5901 dated May 10, 1991 from ACNM Certification Council, Inc.

**MS. SARNECKI** knowingly and voluntarily admits that from August 19, 1991 through August 22, 1996 she practiced nurse-midwifery without a certificate from the BOARD.

**MS. SARNECKI's** conduct as described in paragraphs two, three, and four, constitutes:

- failure to timely renew an Ohio license to practice nursing as a registered nurse;

- engaging in the practice of nursing having failed to renew a license issued under Chapter 4723 ORC; and
- engaging in the practice of nursing as a registered nurse without holding a current, valid license as a registered nurse under Chapter 4723 ORC.

Section 4723.28(B) ORC, states in pertinent part that:

The Board of Nursing, pursuant to an adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and by a vote of a quorum, may impose one or more of the following sanctions: deny, revoke, suspend, or place restrictions on any license issued by the Board; reprimand or otherwise discipline a holder of a license; or impose a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation. The sanctions may be imposed for\*\*\*

- (2) Engaging in the practice of nursing having failed to renew a license issued under this chapter; \*\*\*
- (16) Violation of this chapter (Chapter 4723, ORC) or any rules adopted under it; \*\*\*

Section 4723.24 ORC, states:

All active licenses issued under this Chapter shall be renewed biennially according to a schedule established by the Board of Nursing.

In addition, Section 4723.03(A) states:

No person shall engage in the practice of nursing as a registered nurse, hold herself out as being a registered nurse, or use the title "registered nurse," the initials "R.N.," or any other title implying that the person is a registered nurse, for a fee, salary, or other consideration, or as a volunteer, without holding a current, valid license as a registered nurse under this Chapter (Chapter 4723, ORC).

**MS. SARNECKI's** conduct as described in paragraph five constitutes the practice of nurse-midwifery without a certificate from the BOARD.

Section 4723.28 ORC, states in pertinent part that:

The Board of Nursing, pursuant to an adjudication conducted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and by a vote of a quorum, may impose one or more of the following sanctions: deny, revoke, suspend, or place restrictions on any license issued by the Board; reprimand or otherwise discipline a holder of a license; or impose a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation. The sanctions may be imposed for\*\*\*

- (16) Violation of this chapter (Chapter 4723, ORC) or any rules adopted under it; \*\*\*

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Between August 19, 1991 and August 22, 1996,  
Section 4723.44 ORC, stated:

No person shall practice nurse-midwifery without a certificate from the Board of Nursing\*\*\*.

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any formal proceedings at this time, **MS. SARNECKI** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the BOARD to the following terms, conditions and limitations:

- A. **MS. SARNECKI** shall pay a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) to the OHIO BOARD OF NURSING by personal check, certified check or money order by March 1, 1997.
- B. **MS. SARNECKI** shall participate in continuing individual counseling at intervals as deemed appropriate by the treating professional and have the professional submit reports regarding **MS. SARNECKI**'s progress to the BOARD.
- C. **MS. SARNECKI** shall<sup>fs</sup> sign a release of information form allowing the representatives of the above agencies / health professionals to submit the requested documentation directly to the Board.
- D. **MS. SARNECKI** shall submit satisfactory personal statements to the Board regarding her employment in nursing on an annual basis to the BOARD for the next three (3) years. The personal statement is due by June 1 of each year.
- E. So long as **MS. SARNECKI** is engaging in the practice of nursing in the State of Ohio, **MS. SARNECKI** shall maintain a current, valid license in Ohio to practice nursing.
- F. So long as **MS. SARNECKI** is engaging in the practice of nurse-midwifery in the State of Ohio, **MS. SARNECKI** shall maintain a current, valid certificate of authority from the Ohio Board of Nursing to practice nurse-midwifery.
- G. **MS. SARNECKI** shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of nursing in Ohio.
- H. So long as **MS. SARNECKI** is in compliance with the terms of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, the BOARD agrees not to proceed with further action against **MS. SARNECKI** for any of the conduct described in this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

If, in the discretion of the BOARD, **MS. SARNECKI** appears to have violated or breached any terms or conditions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, the BOARD reserves the right to institute formal disciplinary proceedings for any and all possible violations or breaches, including, but not limited to, alleged violations of the laws of Ohio occurring before the effective date of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

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MS. SARNECKI acknowledges that she has had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the terms of this CONSENT AGREEMENT and that all questions asked have been answered in a satisfactory manner.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is not an adjudication order within the meaning of Section 119.01(D) ORC.

However, any action initiated by the BOARD based on alleged violations of this CONSENT AGREEMENT shall comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 119 ORC.

The terms, limitations and conditions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT may be modified or terminated in writing at any time upon the agreement of both MS. SARNECKI and the BOARD.

MS. SARNECKI waives all of her rights under Chapter 119 ORC, as they relate to matters which are the subject of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

MS. SARNECKI waives any and all claims or causes of action she may have against the state of Ohio, the BOARD, and members, officers, employees and /or agents of either, arising out of matters which are the subject of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 ORC. MS. SARNECKI understands that this CONSENT AGREEMENT is subject to ratification by the BOARD prior to signature by the BOARD President and shall become effective upon the last date of signature below.

The information contained herein may be reported to appropriate organizations, data banks and governmental bodies.

Eileen Sarnecki  
EILEEN M. SARNECKI

9/17/96  
DATE

Isabelle Boland R.N. M.S.N.  
ISABELLE BOLAND, President  
OHIO BOARD OF NURSING

9/18/96  
DATE